clearnace to the Narmada Sagar project has been accorded by the Central Government.

**Nationalisation of Textile Mills in Orissa**

443. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the textile mills in Orissa have been taken over by the National Textile Corporation and also nationalised since 1980;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total amount given to the said mills by Government after nationalisation; and

(d) how many textile mills in Orissa are still lying closed and what steps are being taken to open the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No textile mill is Orissa has been nationalised since/after 1980.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) As on 31st March, 1987, no textile mills are reported to be closed in Orissa.

**Establishment of second jute factory at Kendrapara**

444. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Orissa Government for the establishment of a second jute factory at Kendrapara in the district of Cuttack; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) An application dated 17-10-1985 was received from M/s. Orissa State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd., Bhubneswar for grant of an industrial licence for establishment of a new jute mill at Kendrapara in Orissa. The application was considered by the Government and the same was rejected due to capacity constraints

**Indian ationals in jails in Pakistan**

445. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian nationals at present lodged in Pakistani Jails as per Government information;

(b) what are the broad categories of such persons; and

(c) what is the number of defence personnel among them and what has been the period of their detention so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) It is estimated that apart from the fishermen recently detained by Pakistan, there are 703 Indian nationals, including 43 missing defence personnel, in Pakistan jails. The Government of Pakistan has not provided the details of their imprisonment and the periods of their detention.

**Pollution by factories in National Capital Region**

446. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various factories on the National Highway No. 1 particularly those situated in the National Capital

Region, continue to spew thick smoke and discharge effluents severely polluting the environment; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to ensure that any lacunae in law is not invoked with impunity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments have been asked to identify such industries in respect of which stringent steps could be taken under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, which provides for deterrent penalties including closure of polluting units and disconnection of water and electricity.

**Directive to state Governments for improving condition of Agricultural Labour**

447. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time in 1982 Government had issued a directive to all the State Governments to enact suitable legislation to improve the working conditions of the agricultural labour in the country;

(b) if so, what percentage of the workforce was engaged in agricultural sector at the end of 1986; and

(c) what follow-up action has been taken for the enactment of legislation by the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Due to absence of unanimity on the issue of having a Central law for agricultural workers, it was decided to leave it to the State Government to enact a legislation for agricultural workers. The State Governments/ Union Territories were advised accordingly in 1982.

(b) Figures of 1986 are not available. However, as per the 1981 census, approximately 60.51 per cent of the workforce was engaged in agriculture.

(c) The Central Government has not received any information from the State Governments in this regard.

**Simplification of Procedure relating to Import and Export**

448 SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a management study team of his Ministry has recently submitted a report on how to simplify procedure relating to import and export;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Study Team has recommended, *inter alia*, phased introduction of computerisation in certain functional areas, strengthening of existing counter assistance system and a facility of counter delivery of import licence; delegation of powers for issue of certain licences, setting up of Regional Licensing Committees in respect of Advance and Supplementary Licences in more regional offices, training programmes for personnel, strengthening the existing enforcement machinery, improved coordination among various sponsoring authorities etc.